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SUBJECT: Continuation of Rule-Making Process

The following proposed rule WAC 390-17-100 and proposed new rule WAC 390-17-110 are presented as a continuation of the rule making activity undertaken at your January 28, 2003 meeting.

I. WAC 390-17-100 Contribution withholding authorizations

The Legislature, under Engrossed Senate Bill 6713, removed the requirement to annually renew a request for payroll deduction of wages or salaries for contributions to political committees or for use as political contributions. This legislative change necessitates amending WAC 390-17-100 Contribution withholding authorizations.

The amendments to WAC 390-17-100 would allow the use of the exact language in RCW 42.17.680(2) or alternative language describing the provisions of statute.

II. WAC 390-17-110 Notifying employees regarding voluntary payroll deductions

The proposed new rule states that employees from whom wages and salary are withheld under RCW 42.17.680 will be notified annually of the provisions in subsection (2) and that the employer or other person or entity responsible for the disbursement of funds in payment of wages or salaries will ensure that employees are notified of the right to revoke, at any time, the request to have contributions withheld. It should be noted that the proposed new rule would allow for the employer and the recipient (candidate, political committee or sponsor of the political committee) to agree on who shall send the annual notice to employees. See subsection (2)(a) of amended draft new rule WAC 390-17-110.

The proposal also provides for a contact name and address where revocation requests can be sent, outlines examples of what would constitute "written notification" and provides guidance on the use of newsletters or similar publications and the retention of records.

Action by the Commission: If approved, staff will file the CR 103 Rule-Making Order with the Code Reviser's Office and the rules would become effective 31 days after filing.